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SUBJECT: NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
CLASSIFIED SECRET/NOFORN ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR VLADIMIR
PORFIR'YEVICH POLYAKOV.

2. POLYAKOV IS MIDDLE EAST SPECIALIST WHO SERVED AS SOVIET
AMBASSADOR TO PDRY SINCE 1972. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS
MINISTER-COUNSELOR AT SOVIET EMBASSY IN CAIRO BEGINNING IN
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3. POLYAKOV WAS BORN IN 1931, GRADUATED FROM INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES IN MOSCOW AND IS CANDIDATE OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES. FROM 1952-1955 HE WAS SECOND, THEN FIRST SECRETARY AT SOVIET EMBASSY DAMASCUS WHERE HE SERVED AS ALL-UNION SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE. DURING SAME PERIOD, HE REPORTEDLY ALSO SERVED IN DAMASCUS AS KGB OFFICER. SUBSEQUENTLY, POLYAKOV SERVED AS CONSUL IN DAMASCUS FROM 1961-1966 FOLLOWING WHICH HE WAS REASSIGNED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MOSCOW.

4. POLYAKOV HAS WIFE, LIDIYA MIKHAYLOVNA; A DAUGHTER, NELLI; AND TWO SONS, ALEKSANDR, BORN IN 1952; AND VIKTOR, BORN IN 1956. POLYAKOV REPORTEDLY SPEAKS FRENCH WELL, SOME ARABIC, AND IN 1962 WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH. KISSINGER

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